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COUNTRY East Germany REPORT [REDACTED]

TOPIC Military Information from the Koenigsbrueck Troop Training Grounds

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EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1

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REMARKS [REDACTED]

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1. On 18 April, 1 train with 6 heavy SP guns Nos 924, 925, 927, 946, 947 and 950, about 6 boxcars [REDACTED] passed through Welzow and, [REDACTED] proceeded toward Schwepnitz.¹
2. Between 17 and 22 April 1953, the Nachrichten Schule in Koenigsbrueck was occupied by about 2,300 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery, motor transport or signal insignia. Twenty-one radio trucks and 15 prime movers were seen in the billeting area. Soldiers engaged in firing practice and laying of mines. Motor vehicles [REDACTED] were seen in traffic from and to the barracks installation. A truck convoy with fuel was seen in Koenigsbrueck, moving toward Altes Lager on 18 April. [REDACTED] on 15 April, units from the barracks installation in Dresden-Uebigau were to move to the Koenigsbrueck troop training grounds.² [REDACTED] trucks were unloaded at the Koenigsbrueck-Ost railroad station on 18 April [REDACTED]
3. The following column was observed in Koenigsbrueck, en route toward Neues Lager, on 16 April 1953: 14 x 132-mm rocket launchers, 8 artillery pieces, about 20 AT guns, about 30 x 82-mm mortars and 120-mm mortars, a large number of trucks and troops.³ A train with 32 field kitchens and the locomotive headed toward Schwepnitz stood at the Koenigsbrueck railroad station on 15 April. A train of 16 boxcars with ammunition and 12 boxcars with troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets was unloaded at this station on 16 April.⁴
1. [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED] comment. The Nachrichten Schule appears to be still permanently occupied. [REDACTED] The observed mine-laying practice and the mentioning of units from Dresden-Uebigau lead to the assumption that the 134th Gds Engr Bn of the 11th Gds Tank Div is also stationed in Koenigsbrueck. [REDACTED] the 8th Gds Mecz Div as well as the 11th Gds Tank Div as being stationed in Koenigsbrueck.

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3. [redacted] Comment. The rocket launchers presumably belong to the unidentified rocket launcher battalion of the 9th Tank Div from Meissen [redacted]
[redacted] were loaded there on 15 and 16 April. [redacted]

4. [redacted] Comment. These trains confirm the transfer of units to the summer camp in the area northwest of Schwepnitz where the 8th Gds Mecz Div was stationed in 1952.

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